IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for creating a lot having a plurality of items ~~to be auctioned in an electronic auction based on common attributes of the items~~, comprising:

~~providing an electronic database containing a listing of items, including the items to be auctioned, each item in the listing of items having at least one attribute, each attribute being common to a plurality of items in the listing of items;~~

~~identifying~~ receiving at least one attribute of at least one item ~~of the items to be auctioned~~;

searching an electronic [[the]] database to compile an identified listing of items, wherein the database contains a listing of items, each item in the listing of items having at least one attribute, each attribute being common to a plurality of items in the listing of items, and wherein [[to]] ~~compile an identified listing of items~~, each item in the identified listing of items has ~~having~~ the at least one ~~identified~~ received attribute; and

generating a lot listing from the identified listing of items;

wherein the generated lot listing indicates a plurality of items to be auctioned as a lot in an electronic auction.

2. (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic database comprises an attribute-based electronically searchable list of a plurality of attributes.

3. (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein the identified listing of items comprises an index of the total number of items per each identified attribute.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the generating further comprises grouping items~~attributes~~ with similar characteristics and prices.

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein <u>a plurality of attributes are received and</u> the generating ~~further~~ comprises selecting the items in the lot listing having all of the ~~identified~~ <u>received</u> attributes.

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein <u>a plurality of attributes are received and</u> the generating ~~further~~ comprises selecting the items in the lot listing having any of the ~~identified~~ <u>received</u> attributes.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one attribute comprises at least one of an operation, material, fabrication, process, tolerance, size, weight, specification and any other feature of a part.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising displaying the generated lots in an organized manner.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the items to be auctioned comprise at least one of parts, materials, and components.

10. (Currently amended) A method for creating a lot having a plurality of items ~~to be auctioned in an electronic auction based on common attributes of the items~~, comprising:

    ~~providing an electronic database having an attribute-based electronically searchable list of a plurality of attributes and a listing of items, including the items to be auctioned, each item in the listing of items having at least one attribute, each attribute being common to a plurality of items in the listing of items;~~

    ~~identifying~~ <u>receiving</u> at least one attribute of at least one <u>item</u> ~~of the items to be auctioned~~;

    searching <u>an electronic</u> [[the]] database to compile an identified listing of items, including each item in the identified listing of items having the at least one identified attribute and an index of the total number of items per each identified attribute; and

        generating a lot listing from the identified listing of items by:

            grouping attributes with similar characteristics and prices;

            selecting the items in the [[lost]] <u>lot</u> listing having the identified attributes; and

displaying the generated lots in an organized manner.

11. (Currently amended) A system for creating a lot having a plurality of items ~~to be auctioned in an electronic auction based on common attributes of the items~~, comprising:

a database containing a listing of items, each item in the listing of items having at least one attribute, each attribute being common to a plurality of items in the listing of items ~~for storing a listing of items, including the items to be auctioned~~; and

a processor configured to ~~software for~~:

_____~~choosing~~ receive at least one attribute of at least one ~~of the~~ items ~~to be auctioned~~;

_____search[[ing]] the database to compile an identified listing of items, wherein each item in the identified listing of items has the at least one received attribute; and

_____generat[[ing]]e a lot listing from the identified listing of items;

wherein the generated lot listing indicates a plurality of items to be auctioned as a lot in an electronic auction.

12-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein the database further comprises an attribute-based electronically searchable list of a plurality of attributes.

15. (Currently amended) The system of claim 11, wherein the ~~software~~ processor is further ~~comprises~~ configured to group[[ing]] ~~attributes~~ items with similar characteristics and prices.

16. (Currently amended) The system of claim 11, wherein a plurality of attributes are received and the ~~software~~ processor is further ~~comprises~~ configured to generate[[ing]] the items in the lot listing having all of the ~~identified~~ received attributes.

17. (Currently amended) The system of claim 11, wherein a plurality of attributes are received and the ~~software~~ processor is further ~~comprises~~ configured to generate[[ing]] the items in the lot listing having any of the ~~identified~~ received attributes.

18. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein the at least on attribute comprises at least one of an operation, material, fabrication, process, tolerance, size, weight, specification and any other feature of a part.

19. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein the items to be auctioned comprise at least one of parts, materials, and components.

20. (Currently amended) A computer program product ~~machine-readable-medium that~~ ~~creates~~ for creating a lot having a plurality of items ~~to be auctioned in an electronic auction based~~ ~~on common attributes of the items~~, the computer program product being embodied in a computer readable medium and comprising computer instructions for ~~comprising~~:
      ~~a first machine-readable code that stores a listing of items, including the items to be~~ ~~auctioned;~~
      ~~a second machine-readable code that identifies~~ receiving at least one attribute of at least one item ~~of the items to be auctioned~~;
      ~~a third machine-readable code that searches~~ searching [[the]] a database to compile an identified listing of items, wherein the database contains a listing of items, each item in the listing of items having at least one attribute, each attribute being common to a plurality of items in the listing of items, and wherein each item in the identified listing of items has the at least one received attribute; and
      ~~a fourth machine-readable code that generates~~ generating a lot listing from the identified listing of items;
      wherein the generated lot listing indicates a plurality of items to be auctioned as a lot in an electronic auction.

21. (New) The computer program product of claim 22, wherein the at least one attribute comprises at least one of an operation, material, fabrication, process, tolerance, size, weight, specification and any other feature of a part.

22. (New) The computer program product of claim 22, wherein the items to be auctioned comprise at least one of parts, materials, and components.